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NEW AHTNA CULTURE CENTER OPENS AUGUST 10TH

The Ahtna Heritage Foundation sent us the following announcement:

“The Ahtna Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of the Ahtna Cultural Center at the Wrangell St. Elias National Park Visitor Center Complex. The public is invited to join us in an Open House Celebration to be held on Monday, August 10, from 4 to 7 pm.

This center presents a wonderful opportunity to share the rich Ahtna culture with the visitors to the Copper River area as well as with long time residents. Over time, many aspects of the Ahtna culture and people have been stereotyped or misunderstood, or simply overlooked. We hope this culture center will provide a more accurate portrait of how important the Ahtna culture is presently and has been to the survival of the generous, happy and proud people who first owned this land. The center is another avenue of preserving the past and especially sharing it with future generations of Ahtna people.

The current displays in the center are made up primarily from the collections that belong to Ahtna, Incorporated along with some items that were gathered by AHF over the years. Two of the more prominent displays are the handiwork of Tazlina elder, Johnny Goodlataw and the young people who helped. Mr. Goodlataw directed the construction of a dipnet and a fish wheel that are great examples of Ahtna culture and the “old ways”. There will also be a collection of historic photos, beadwork, oral history recordings, as well as general information that tells about the history and culture of the Ahtna people.

It is our hope that we will continue to “grow” our collections and have more items to display over time. For example, we hope to create seasonal displays, identifying key components of Ahtna culture during the different seasons and how those cycles contributed to the rich and vibrant culture we know today. The Ahtna Heritage Foundation is carefully and mindfully forming proper policies and procedures that will

ensure the safety and security of items that have been loaned or donated to the cultural center. If you are interested in sharing items of cultural value please contact Liana Charley John at 822-5778 or Tana Finnesand at 822-3535.”

STATE LIBRARY WEBCAST ON GRANTS.GOV

The Alaska State Library recently posted a webcast on searching grants.gov. If you or a non-profit or government agency in your town have wondered how to search grants.gov or wanted to know how to be notified of new grant opportunities, try watching our webcast with Daniel Cornwall.

Flash –

http://library.state.ak.us/screencasts/fed_grants_intro/grants_flash/grants_dot_gov.html

Windows Media Player -

http://library.state.ak.us/screencasts/fed_grants_intro/grants_wmv/grants_dot_gov.html

ALASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES A GAMING GRANT

State Library grants maven Patience Frederiksen reports, “Ten libraries in 10 states from New York to Alaska will receive \$5,000 grants as part of the American Library Association’s (ALA) Libraries, Literacy and Gaming initiative, funded by the Verizon Foundation. The winners, representing a broad spectrum of libraries – seven public, two school and one academic – will use the funds to develop and implement gaming and literacy programs that provide innovative gaming experiences for youths 10-18 years of age. The 10 libraries were selected out of 390 that applied for the grant.

Henshaw Middle School Library in the Anchorage School District received a grant for: Game on in Alaska! With purchase of additional equipment, the library will make Dance Dance Revolution available to all middle schools in the district, host a lunchtime gaming group using PC games such as Spore & Civilization, offer gaming as an incentive to specific classes, host family game nights, and extend gaming year during a summer Internet Camp.

The original announcement was made on April 29 at:

<http://gamelab.syr.edu/2009/04/29/ten-libraries-receive-gaming-and-literacy-grants/> The American Library Association sent out a press release about these grants on August 5th.”

UAA/APU CONSORTIUM LIBRARY HIRES WEB LIBRARIAN

Steve Rollins sent the following news to *Friday Bulletin*:

“The UAA/APU Consortium Library has hired Jessica Coral Hess as a Web Librarian. Coral will start working on October 4th.

Coral recently graduated with a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Coral also holds a M.S. degree in electrical and computer engineering that she earned at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). She worked as a Senior Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and held research and teaching assistant positions at Carnegie Mellon University.

Coral's library experience includes working at Brentwood Public Library and at Carnegie Mellon University. At CMU Coral worked on the institutional repository project and at the Engineering and Science Libraries. Coral is the coauthor of several conference papers on wireless technology.”

Welcome Carol! We hope you like it in Alaska. If your library, archives or museum has gained a new staff member or are doing a public farewell for a departing staffer, please send a note to *Friday Bulletin*.

GEN X'RS: LEADERS @YOUR LIBRARY?

Generational Notes, a newish feature at the Library Leadership Network may be of interest to staff of archives and museums as well as libraries. The notes explore generational differences among staff of cultural institutions and features debate over whether the skeptical attitude of Generation X is what is needed in future leaders. The article can be found at http://pln.palinet.org/wiki/index.php/Generational_notes.

MEDICARE BASICS AND CHOOSING NURSING HOMES

Visit <http://www.usa.gov/free-publication/medicare.shtml> to order FREE copies of two publications from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The two publications—available while supplies last—are:

- Medicare Basics: A Guide for Families and Friends of People with Medicare (PDF) - Online copy at http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/fed_prog/medi-basics/medi-basics.pdf
- Guide to Choose a Nursing Home (PDF) – Online copy at <http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02174.pdf>

Many federal agencies publish items of everyday interest to citizens. Many of these publications are housed or can be accessed through the nation's Federal Depository Libraries (FDL). Alaska has seven FDLs including the State Library and you can learn more about them at http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp?flag=searchp&st_12=AK.

MORE FREE COURSE MATERIALS FROM MIT

Thanks to MIT's Open Courseware Project (<http://ocw.mit.edu>), class materials for many college level courses are freely available to lifelong learners everywhere. Materials available vary by course but can include reading lists, lectures, course notes and assignments. Here are some recent additions (descriptions from website):

12.S56 GPS: Where Are You? Fall 2008

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Earth--and-Planetary-Sciences/12-S56Fall-2008/CourseHome/index.htm>

“The use of Global Positioning System (GPS) in a wide variety of applications has exploded in the last few years. In this seminar we will explore how GPS works, the range of applications, and the conflict between civilian users and military planners.”

21L.003 Reading Fiction Fall 2008

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Literature/21L-003Fall-2008/CourseHome/index.htm>

“Introduces prose narrative, both short stories and the novel. Examines the construction of narrative and the analysis of literary response.”

SP.236 / ESG.SP236 Exploring Pharmacology Spring 2009

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Special-Programs/SP-236Spring-2009/CourseHome/index.htm>

“From Abilify to Zyrtec, the world is full of interesting drugs. Such substances have cured diseases, started wars, and ended careers. This seminar will explain how drugs can elicit a range of medicinal and recreational effects.

RESEARCH VESSEL NEEDS A NAME

When completed in 2014, the Alaska Region Research Vessel will be one of the most technologically advanced oceanographic vessels in the world. But it is missing something: a name.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is asking the public to submit ideas for the name of the research vessel. Send your name ideas to shipname@sfos.uaf.edu by September 1.

The ARRV will be a 242-foot research vessel capable of breaking ice up to 2.5 feet thick and is designed for scientific research in arctic and subarctic waters. Once completed, the university hopes to dock the ARRV in Seward.

The ARRV name selection committee asks that names be appropriate for a ship dedicated to marine science in Alaska. For more information on the ARRV, visit www.sfos.uaf.edu/arrv. (Reprinted from Information Exchange 7/31/2009)

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